Capital Comments

by Dan Daniels

WASHINGTON - Since Congress adjourned on October 2, I have devoted much of my time to investigative work for the Committee on Armed Services, all within the continental United States, traveling from the Northeast to the Southwest

Earlier this month, I returned to Washington for the organizational meeting of the Caucus. The most significant action taken was, of course, election of the new leadership. With Jim Wright the new Majority Leader, at last those of us who believe in orderly economic growth and fiscal soundness, have a person with whom we can talk.

The 93rd and 94th Congress emphasized reform to a greater degree than in prior years. The incoming 95th seems more anxious to consolidate, than to initiate further change. This does not mean that the Congress is not bent on recouping authority previously ceded to or seized by the executive and judicial branches This Congress, and especially the Freshman class, in its early actions has displayed more restraint and responsibility than had been earlier feared, and if this is sustained the country can only benefit.

In addition to the above activities, workshops were held in eight counties in the eastern end of the District. This completes our visits for the year, and we have been to every city and county in the Fifth District at least once in 1976. There were almost as many issues raised by those with whom I talked as there were people. Not unexpectedly, some subjects were more often brought up than others.

And of all the matters which have been discussed with me in the past several weeks, none has been the subject of such intense negative reaction than the President-elect's anticipated blanket pardon to those who refused to serve in the military during the Vietnam War. A majority of the people of our District - and indeed many from other parts of the country, as well - do not believe that this should be done. And I agree. There is simply no justification whatsoever for this. Each case should be considered on merit, as with other law-breakers. Most of those who violated the Selective Service law committed a felony, carrying a penalty of five years' imprisonment or $10,000 fine, or both. Studies have shown that less than 20 percent evaded the draft as a matter of conscience. This would not only be an offense to those who served their country when it was required; it also can have a devastating effect in the event it should ever again be necessary to reinstitute the draft. Four times in this century it has been necessary to call on the citizen-soldier, and four times he has responded. He carried the day when permitted to do so, and fought to a draw on one occasion. By this act of blanket pardon, what will we be saying to those who may be called upon in the future? Certainly present circumstances are painful to some of those who fled their duty, and to their families as well. But the price in pardoning those who have acted unpardonably is too great to pay.

Another subject of concern is taxes. There is little question that there will be a cut in taxes in 1977. Debate centers on the form it will take. Some argue for a one-shot rebate, others for a one-year reduction, still others for a combination of the two. Then there is the question whether the reduction should bear heavier on individual taxes to encourage spending or business taxes to encourage the creation of jobs in the private sector. Study of the matter persuades me there is a better way. This would be a permanent reduction of tax rates for individuals and businesses, such as was accomplished in the early 1960's That action led to the longest period of economic growth and expansion in our post-war history. If it worked once, it can work again. Naturally, I would hope to see this reduction accompanied by a reduction in federal spending.

There are simply no words adequate to deal with this matter of taxation. The burden is near unbearable for many, and because of the graduated nature of income taxes, the average wage-earner must work harder and harder for less and less. It has been said that the primary beneficiary of inflation is the Department of the Treasury. Current conditions seem to bear this out.

Remember those wonderful guys who brought us, at great expense, "Safety With Beef Cattle"? They are at it again. In a 21-page booklet of rules on the use of stepladders we found: "When ascending or descending, the user should face the ladder". They have not lost their capability for stating the obvious. As further proof we offer what is purported to be an extract from an as yet unpublished manual for organized athletics: "To form a suitable coat of ice, lower the temperature to or below 2 degrees Fahrenheit." One can only hope that the writer of that gem, or the reporter, had tongue firmly planted in cheek.

Social Work Program At Longwood Re-Accredited

FARMVILLE, Dec. 13 - Longwood College's baccalaureate degree program in social work has been re-accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national organization responsible for assuring that the educational prerequisities for the training of "professional" social workers are met.

Representatives from CSWE's Commission on Accreditation visited Longwood recently to review the social work curriculum, including the program of field placements for juniors and seniors, and to talk with faculty members and students in the program.

George Stonikinis, director of the social work program at Longwood, states that graduates from CSWE-accredited programs begin their careers in higher positions with higher salaries.

He added that accreditation is a requirement for federal funding eligibility "which enhances social work professionalism and resultant responsible and efficient application of taxpayers' money. Thus, professionals begin to gradually replace non-professionals, and fiscal abuse is professionally corrected with a strong focus on client gain."

Longwood's social work program trains professional human service workers to perform in the following areas: casework; community development and organization; administration of human service programs; psychotherapy; rehabilitation counseling; education and consultation; planning, research, and program development; fund-raising; and others.

Now in its seventh year, the program at Longwood has over 90 majors. Graduates have been employed in a variety of diverse settings, including child welfare, services to the aged, day care, handicapped and vocational rehabilitation, correction-prisons, courts, hospitals and health services, employment, narcotics, mental health, housing-relocation, industry, labor unions, minority group organizations, public welfare, and private practice.

Greens Have Meaning

Greens that adorn home, streets and stores at holiday time entered the lore of Christmas from pagan rites of old.

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to do certain good — or evil — things.

Ivy, they thought, was festive. Its convivial nature came from Bacchus.

Yew and cypress had the highest virtues. Theirs was the quality, and the symbol, of eternal life.

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CONTENTS FROM THE ACHS STUDENT HANDBOOK

At the request of Mr. Don Armentrout, Principal at Appomattox County High School, we have been printing the contents of the ACHS Student Handbook as space permits.

Following is more information from the handbook that should be of interest to parents and citizens of this county:

SCA

All students are members of SCA and may participate in its work of school improvement. Students participate through representatives elected from each homeroom. These representatives form the Student Council. Officers are chosen by the entire student body in elections held as soon as possible after school opening. Student leaders of SCA are invited to meet with the faculty advisory committee from time to time or may request to meet with this committee.

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Proudly may her sons press onward,
Onward through her halls;
When, the moments swiftly flying,
Ages roll between,
Sons, as yet unborn, shall hail thee,
Alma Mater, Queen.

Hear the sighing of the breezes
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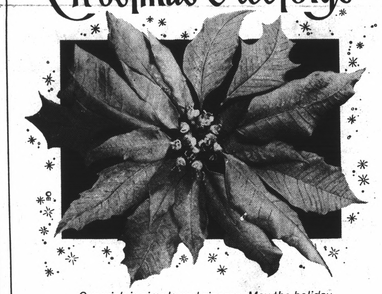
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HOLLYWOOD

Everybody enjoyed the fine Christmas program which was presented Sunday night, Dec. 19 at Hollywood Church. We are very grateful to the program committee and all those participating and the entertaining committee for the fellowship hour afterward.

Our pastor, Rev. Paul Balthaser, will bring the Christmas message Sunday morning, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith entertained their Sunday School classes and other guests at Hollywood Church Sunday night.

Mr. Elmo Smith and Mrs. Hazel Thomas Bosserman were married Dec. 15 at Mt. Horneb Presbyterian Church. Gro Hosses, Va. Congratulation and many good wishes are extended to them.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turns met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence Sunday.

Mr. W. G. Mayberry, of Lynchburg, visited his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family last week. Mrs. Ruby Almond and daughter, Jane, visited in this home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mattie C. Franklin remains ill in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Our prayers are with her and her love ones.

We are remembering and hoping Mrs. Addie Jenkins and Mrs. Ber Abbitt in the Liberty Nursing Home are feeling better. Our prayers are with them and their love ones.

Among those on the sick list last week were Mrs. David Franklin, Mrs. Arlis Maxwell, the Thomas Woodalls, the Kenneth Deaners and William Watson. We are glad they all are better.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott. Sheets and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield last week. Mrs. Bill Watson and children were luncheon guests Sunday in this home.

Mr. H. W. Jenkins was a dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa and Mrs. Mary Bagby.

We are glad Mrs. Walter Shupe is improving nicely after a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb visited Miss Nannie Webb and others in the JamersonNursing Home in Pamplin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Alfred Almond and Mr. Walker Webb were visitors last week of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mrs. W. T. Covington called in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday. Mrs. Emma Lemon and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield ate lunch with Mrs. Bagby Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb, Joyce and Odell Webb visited in the homes of Mrs. Robert Morris and family and Mr. Vincent Rush Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Pickeral, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. Mary Bagby Tuesday. Others calling in this home during the week were Mrs. James Maxwell, Mrs. M. L. Covington, Harry Jenkins, Leslie Goin, Alfred Almond, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Delorious Ann Deaner and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. David Woodall and son.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

Mighty Four 4-H

The Mighty Four 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting on Dec. 14. The meeting was called to order. Pledges were said to the American and 4-H flags. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read. The treasurer reported that we have $70.01 in our checking account before collecting dues. The old business presented to the club was Share-The-Fun certificates were given to the Junior members who participated. Score sheets were also given to county participants. The new business was the awards banquet, which is being held Thurs., Dec. 16. We discussed our annual Christmas caroling program. A vote was taken and the date was moved to Dec. 23, from 7 to 9. Achievement workshops were discussed. A program of slides titled "Your Pet Needs More Than Love" were presented. The meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda Nash, Reporter

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Housing Units Can Be Transported Safely

An evaluation of the movement of oversized manufactured housing units on 3,782 miles of Virginia highways has indicated no major differences between 12- and 14-foot-wide housing units in terms of safety and convenience to the motoring public, the State Highway and Transportation Commission was told today.

Reporting to Commissioner John E. Harwood and other members of the commission, spokesmen for the Highway and Transportation Research Council presented the results of a study made on 14-foot-wide loads in response to House Joint Resolution 41 of the 1976 General Assembly.

Harwood referred the Research Council's study report to the commission's permit committee with a request that it prepare a recommendation for the commission. The committee members are Leonard R. Hall of Bristol, Horace G. Falin of Roanoke and T. Ray Hassell III of Chesapeake.

The Research Council study included a literature review, a questionnaire that obtained information on the wide-load practices and experiences in other states, personal interviews with enforcement and transportation officials in states adjacent to Virginia, an analysis of traffic and safety data collected during the movement of 12- and 14-foot-wide housing units on Virginia highways, and a motorist opinion survey.

Statistical analyses of the study data indicated no significant differences between 12- and 14-foot wide housing units in terms of average running speeds, delays to traffic, vehicle passing times, and accident potentials on divided highways. Statistically significant differences were found between 12- and 14-foot wide units in terms of vehicles moving onto the shoulder or into adjacent traffic lanes on narrow structures and two-lane and four-lane undivided roads.

The movement of wide housing units was found to be most favorable on interstate and four-lane divided highways. The researchers concluded that the safety of the motoring public could, therefore, be enhanced if all wide-load movements were concentrated on these facilities with as little movement as possible being made on narrow two-lane roads.

The Research Council staff was assisted on the project by a steering committee composed of representatives of the Housing Study Commission, the Office of Housing, the Highway Safety Division, the Department of State Police, the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Highways and Transportation, and the manufactured housing industry.

Area Student Receives Methodist Scholarship

FERRUM, Va. - David R. Drinkard, a senior division student at Ferrum College has been selected to receive a United Methodist Scholarship by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming W. Drinkard of Appomattox.

United Methodist Scholarships are normally given in the amount of $500 to apply toward tuition and academic fees. The scholarships are granted on the basis of academic standing, leadership ability, churchmanship and need.

About 500 awards are given annually through the Board of Higher Education and Ministry in its nationwide scholarship program. More than 14,000 United Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of United Methdost Scholarships are received from offerings given through the local churches across the nation on United Methodist Student Day, usually the second Sunday in June.

Inspires Music

In serious music as well as popular carols, the Nativity scene lives on.

Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are noteworthy examples of music performed year after year at Christmas.

More recently, Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Honegger's "Christmas Cantata" and Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" have joined the holiday medley of musical treatments.

CANAAN BAPTIST

Special service - Sunday, Dec. 26 at 7 p.m. Rev. Raymond Lawing, Jr. will be guest speaker. The Tot Choir from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Concord, will render the music. Rev. C. L. Elliott is sponsor.

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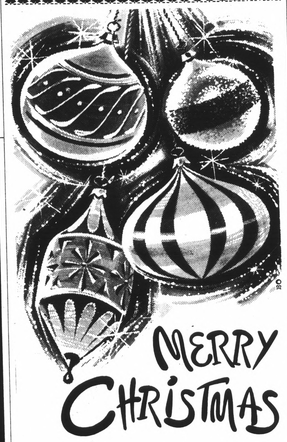
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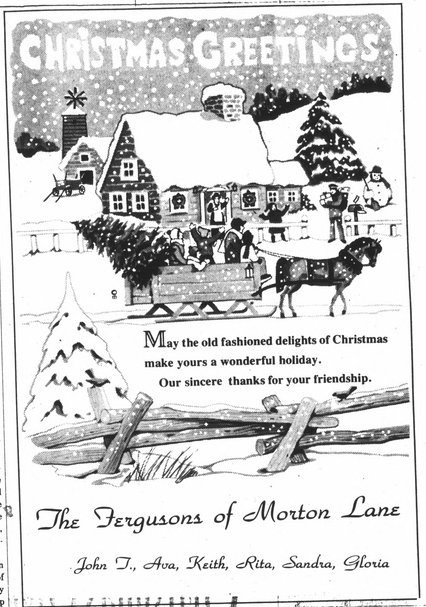

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